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SUBJECT: SENTENCING OF REV. KIM KWAN-SOK

REF: SEOUL 6302 R 180848Z AUG 75

1. REV KIM KWAN-SOK, NCCC-K GENSEC AND FOUR CO-DEFENDENTS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF EMBEZZLING AND MISUSING CHURCH FUNDS BY SEOUL DISTRICT COURT SEPTEMBER 6. JUDGE SENTENCED REV. KIM TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT; CO-DEFENDENTS PAK, HWON, CHO RECEIVED SEVEN, EIGHT AND SIX MONTHS RESPECTIVELY. SINCE SENTENCES REDUCED BY THE 150 DAYS THEY HAVE ALREADY SPENT IN PRISON, EFFECTIVE SENTENCES THAT MUST BE SERVED ARE ONE MONTH FOR REV. KIM, TWO MONTHS FOR REV. PAK, THREE MONTHS FOR REV. HWON, ONE MONTH FOR REV CHO.

2. COMMENT: SENTENCES IMPOSED ON KIM ET ARE LIGHT AND PROBABLY MINIMUM THAT GOVERNMENT COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. PROSECUTOR HAD DEMANDED THREE, FOUR AND FIVE YEAR SENTENCES. GUILTY FINDING WAS PREDICTABLE SINCE TRIAL WAS POLITICAL RATHER THAN JUDICIAL IN NATURE. GOVERNMENT  
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HAS NOW MADE ITS POINT WITH THE CHURCHES ABOUT POLITICAL

INVOLVEMENT. LIGHT SENTENCES UNLIKELY TO PROVOKE STRONG  
REACTION FROM CHURCH AND OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS  
BUT THIS WILL BEAR WATCHING.  
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